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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

4 p.m. February 11, 2016

16955 Dam Road South., Clearlake, CA 95422

minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Paul Aigner, Victoria Brandon, William Lincoln; also Linda Juntunen and Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Housekeeping” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.1 Lincoln moved and Griswold seconded to **approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: Aigner

4.2 Lincoln moved and Griswold seconded to **approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 special meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: Aigner

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Brandon moved and Aigner seconded to **approve the financial report as presented.**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none

5.2 Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve a \$50 donation to the Blue Ridge-Berryessa Partnership**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond
Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Lower Lake High School has sent a letter asking if we are inviting Meisenbach Scholarship applications. Griswold will follow up.

Lake Count LAFCO has sent a letter inviting the District to nominate a member of the LAFCO board, with an April 1 deadline. Brandon expressed interest; a nomination will be agendaized at the March meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts: will be considered by LAFCO at 9:30AM on March 16 at Lakeport City Hall

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors - nothing new

8.3 Placeholders

1. Cobb School Project -nothing new
2. Meisenbach Scholarship - nothing new

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

Has been attending meetings and working on fuel reduction projects. Calfire's prevention project in the Rivas is in the environmental review stage.

9.2 Misc. Projects - Linda Juntunen

Has prepared an order form for the conifer seedlings: we need to get the correct names of the funders to include acknowledgement

9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard

The next round of funding will be next Friday; has put in somewhere between \$700,000 and \$1 million in requests

Rotary is receiving trees in a few weeks for an educational planting project on at Cobb for students, and will host a tree giveaway on March 5: perhaps we could connect our intern Jack Shrive with Jim Harvey and the Rotary event?

Donated container oaks and buckeyes should go in the ground ASAP: Rocky Creek and Anderson Springs would both be suitable locations.

Consensus that the District needs staff to manage the reforestation projects, and that a contractual arrangement would probably be preferable to hiring an employee. That way all we have to do is describe the scope of the work.

Woodard met with John Nickerson, local property owner who was burned out, is currently logging, and plans to do reforestation. She suggests that the District enter into a cooperative agreement with NRCS whereby NRCS provides \$40,000 to hire a forester, with 10 percent admin to the District. This individual could also manage the reforestation project for additional compensation.

9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - Paul Aigner: nothing will happen for a few months

9.5 President/Director Reports

Brandon: on February 10 attended the Middletown School Board meeting with Jack Shrive to report on the internship project. Had intended to attend the Boggs Forest Recovery meeting on February 5 but the landscape was so much altered she was unable to find the Boggs Forest office. In other news, the hitch run could start any time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Discuss changing to morning meetings: something to consider after consolidation

10.2 Discuss 2016 Field Days plans: we need to set a day. Woodard will contact Mike Browning to see if the area is safe to use: maybe move the event to Cobb mountain this year? The Forest Service will be there. As soon as we have a date and place we can start contacting presenters.

10.3 Supervisor Jim Steele is trying to create the Resource Managers Committee to coordinate lake/watershed projects and apply for grants. Brandon attended the organizational meeting last summer but is unable to attend the next meeting (February 18) Woodard has already made plans to attend.

10.4 Valley Fire Long Term Recovery Committee: these are held on the first Tuesday of the month, alternating between Middletown and Cobb. Lincoln will try to represent us.

10.5 Silver Spur Ranch purchase

Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve a support letter for Tuleyome's purchase of the Silver Spur Ranch**, a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument inholding, and authorize the President to sign.

Ayes: Aigner, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: Brandon

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board.

Brandon reports that the Forest Service and BLM are hosting a dedication celebration for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument at Cowboy Camp on March 19. She is staffing a booth for the Sierra Club and looking for display materials.

12. ADJOURN

Brandon moved and Aigner seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 5:32PM

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none